(c) whether the Government propose of take immediate steps to check this pilferage; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) No Pilferage of OIL has been reported from Guwahati Refinery.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Encroachment of Village Land

3800. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Law enforcers turn offenders" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated March 2, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The attention of the Government has been drawn to the concerned news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 2.3.1997. Since the order of the Consolidation Officer in the concerned village is now pending before the Financial Commissioner of Delhi, who has stayed the order and a final decision in this regard is yet to be taken by the concerned competent authority, this Ministry does not like to pass any comments judgement on this subject.

Uri Power Project

3801. SHRI ANANT GUDH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "2000 crore scandal in URI Power Project" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated February 27, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The allegation that there was mis-appropriation and manipulation in the cost of Uri Hydro-electric Project (480 MW) in Jammu and Kashmir is not based on facts. The project was sanctioned in June 1989 at a cost of Rs. 1632.62 crores (March 1989 price level) on turn-key execution with bilateral foreign assistance from Sweden and United Kingdom. The completion period of the Project was six years from the date of start of works and the project was to be completed by November 1995 but, due to disturbed conditions in the project site, there was a delay in completion of the project which in now scheduled for May 1997. The latest estimated completion cost of the project is about Rs. 3300 crores. The increase of Rs. 1667 crores in the project cost is mainly due to exchange rate variation and extra interest liability due to delay in completion of the project. These have together contributed to an increase in the cost by about 80 per cent; the balance being due to price escalation and increase in taxes and duties etc.

Funds for Centrally Aided Schemes

3802. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of centrally-aided schemes already approved by the Government for the municipalities In the Darjeeling Hills and Siliguri Corporation; and

(b) the scheme-wise allocation of Funds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) The details are as under :-

1. SCHEME OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS (IDSMT) :

Under the IDSMT Scheme, Darjeeling and Siliguri towns were covered during the 6th Five Year Plan. The approved project cost were Rs. 113.37 lakhs and Rs. 107.26 lakhs and the amounts of Central Assistance provided were Rs. 47.19 lakhs and Rs. 52.15 lakhs respectively.

2. SCHEME OF URBAN BASIC SERVICES TO THE POOR (UBSP) :

Siliguri is one of the 28 towns in West Bengal selected for UBSP. Under the Scheme, bulk allocation is provided to State Government for funding projects of towns. During 1996-97, a sum of Rs. 136.45 lakhs has been released by the Government of India to the Government of West Bengal.

3. PRIME MINISTER'S INTEGRATED URBAN POVERTY ERADICATION PROGRAMME (PMI UPEP) :

The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP) launched in November, 1995 is applicable to Darjeeling town. Under the Scheme, bulk allocation is provided to State Government for funding projects of towns. During 1995-96, a sum of Rs. 679.43 lakhs and during 1996-97, Rs. 300.06 lakhs have been released by the Government of India to the Government of West Bengal.

4. ACCELERATED URBAN WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME (AUWSP):

Not applicable to Darjeeling or Siliguri.

[Translation]

Petrol Pumps

3803. SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide reservation to the women in allotment of dealership of petrol pumps and other petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) Government has taken a decision to reserve 30% of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products for women, in all categories, effective from the Marketing Plans 1996-98 onwards.

Displaced of Tehri Dam

3804. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the condition of the displaced persons of Tehri Dam, resettled in Dehradun and Haridwar districts is very pathetic due to shortage of basic facilities such as potable water, irrigation, schools and protection of crops from wild animals etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts are being taken by the Government for the redressal of their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) The resettlement colonies set up in Dehradun and Haridwar Districts for rehabilitation of the people affected by the construction of Tehri Hydroelectric Project have been provided with all essential basic facilities like water for drinking and irrigation purpose, electricity, roads and drains, panchayat ghar and community centre, primary health centre etc. Additional measures to augment such facilities for the welfare of resettled population are initiated by the project authorities from time to time keeping in view their feasibility, prevailing overall condition and the requirement of each colony pending take over of these facilities by the concerned local State Government agencies.

[English]

World Bank Assistance

3805. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has provided any assistance for water supply and sanitation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the names of the places where work has been undertaken thereunder; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

List of World Bank Assisted Water Supply & Sanitation Projects

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount of Assistance U.S.$ M.	Amount of Signing	Date of Closing	Utilisation upto 31.1.97 U.S.$ M.	Undrawn balance as on 1.2.97 U.S.$ M.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh						
1.	Hyderabad WS&SP	95.29	23.5.90	31.3.98	55.79	39.50
Karnataka						
2.	Karnataka RWS&SP	103.79	4.6.93	31.12.99	17.55	86.24
Uttar Pradesh						
3.	UT Rural WS&SP	59.60	22.7.96	31.05.02	2.18	57.42